



SAFETY AROUND HORSES



- **SLOW DOWN, PASS WIDE**
- **Avoid braking suddenly.**
- **15mph is the maximum recommended speed to pass a horse.**
- **Give a horse as wide a berth as possible and at least 2 meters.**
- **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**
- **Always wait for approaching traffic to pass and the road to be clear, NEVER squeeze through.**



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- **DON'T MAKE ANY SUDDEN OR LOUD NOISES**
 - **Please don't sound your horn or flash your lights.**
 - **Avoid revving your engine, making noisy gear changes or braking suddenly.**
 - **Turn your stereo down.**
 - **EXPECT TO SEE A HORSE AROUND THE NEXT BEND**
 - **When the ground is hard or boggy, riding on the roads is sometimes unavoidable.**
 - **Riders often have to use roads to reach the nearest bridleway.**
 - **Some areas have few or no bridleways.**



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- **RESPECT RIDERS' SIGNALS**
 - **Pneumatic drills, road-works, flashing lights, children playing ball, lawn-mowers, crisp packets these are just a few of the things that may scare a horse and which you may not be able to see or hear.**
 - **Expect the unexpected even if the horse ahead looks calm and in control it may become afraid if you pass too quickly.**
 - **If the horse is scared, or appears frightened, do not overtake. Pull over and stop until the rider has regained control of the animal and calmed it down.**



Road signals used by riders



**I am turning
Left**

Riders arm
outstretched to
left

**I am turning
Right**

Riders arm
outstretched to
right



**Please Slow
Down**

The riders hand
will move up and
down

Please Stop

The rider may
see an obstacle
ahead or have a
problem with
their horse



"Action Not Words"

"Courage and